THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AN PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The pensioners' demand in regard to medical allowance has been accepted by the Government. Medical allowance @ 100/- per month has been granted w.e.f. 1.12.1997 to the pensioners/family pensioners residing in areas not covered by Central Government Health Scheme and corresponding health schemes administered by other Ministries/ Departments for their retired employees for meeting expenditure on day-to-day medical expenses that do not require hospitalisation. The demands relating to leave travel concession facilities for pensioners have been considered, but it has not been found possible to accept these demand.

CBI Enquiry into multi-crore Central Subsidy Scandal

3307. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether a CBI enquiry into multi-crore Central subsidy scandal on Janata Cloth by Brahmaputra Valley Regional Weaver Cooperative Society Ltd. in Assam was initiated during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the details of the amount involved, persons found responsible, number of fake societies detected and responsibility fixed on persons involved in this scandal;

(c) whether CBI has chargesheeted those persons found responsible and properties disproportionate to their known sources of income were attached;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay and the time by which an action is likely to be initiated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) No such enquiry was initiated by CBI during 1991-92. However, a case viz. RC. 6(S)/94-SIU. VIII was registered in this regard on 27.6.1994 in SIU. VIII Branch of CBI on receipt of a complaint from the State Government of Assam.

(b) The case was registered on the allegation that during the period 1989—92 an amount of Rs. 12 crores (approx.) was claimed by M/s Brahmaputra Valley Regional Weaver Cooperative Society Ltd., Ambari, Guwahati on the basis of bogus documents of production and sale of Janata Cloth. As the case is under investigation, disclosure of details will not be appropriate.

(c) No Sir. The case is still under investigation.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) A specific time frame for completion of the investigation can not be made at present, as the delay in completion of investigations is mainly because of the voluminous documents involved, the large number of witnesses to be examined and the far flung terrorist infested areas of Assam where investigations have to be carried out.

Discipline and punctuality in Central Government Offices

3308. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the puncutality and discipline are not observed by employees working in various Central Government offices located at Delhi/New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any plans to effectively implement the discipline and punctuality

to be observed by various Central Government employees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (c) Existing instructions envisage various measures for enforcement of punctuality. In accordance with these instructions, suitable measures for enforcement of punctuality are to be evolved by the Head of Office/Department keeping in view the broad objectives and general instructions in the matter. Information relating to enforcement of punctuality and discipline in various offices is not centrally monitored/available.

दानिक्स अधिकारियों की मांगें

3309. **श्री ओम प्रकाश कोहली:**
श्री रामगोपाल यादव:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 26 जून, 1998 के "दि हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स" में "दानिक्स ऑफीसर्स अप इन आर्म्स" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो "दानिक्स" अधिकारियों की मांगें क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या दिल्ली में कार्यरत "दानिक्स" संवर्ग के अधिकारियों ने जुलाई के प्रथम सप्ताह से काम बंद करने की योजना बनाई है; और

(घ) इन मांगों के प्रति सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और क्या सरकार ने ऐसे अधिकारियों को काम बंद करने से रोकने के लिए कोई कदम उठाए हैं?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन-मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वित्त (बैंकिंग, राजस्व और बीमा) मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० जनार्दनन): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) दिल्ली-अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीप-समूह सिविल सेवा (दानिक्स) के अधिकारी अपनी सेवा से संबंधित वेतन और ग्रेड के ढांचे के बारे में पांचवे केन्द्रीय वेतन-आयोग द्वारा की गई सिफारिशें क्रियान्वित किए जाने की मांग कर रहे हैं।

(ग) और (घ) राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली-सरकार ने सूचित किया था कि दिल्ली-अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीप-समूह सिविल सेवा (दानिक्स) के अधिकारियों ने जुलाई 01, 1998 से तीन दिन के सामूहिक अवकाश पर चले जाने की योजना बनाई थी, परंतु अन्ततोगत्वा उन्होंने ऐसा नहीं किया। फिर भी, सरकार ने दिल्ली-अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूह सिविल सेवा (दानिक्स) के अधिकारियों की मांगों पर ध्यान दिया है।

Protest from Trade Unions against Abolition of Posts

3310. **SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:**
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian National Trade Union Congress and other trade unions have warned Government against the crippling effect that Government's decision to abolish the 3.5 lakh vacant posts, would have on the country's economy;

(b) if so, the details of their representations; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The demand for not accepting the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission regarding abolition of 3.5 lakh vacant posts was one of the 15-point charter of demands submitted by the Staff Side for consideration of the Government, consequent upon the submission of the Pay Commission's Report.